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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask the hon. Minister for Public Health in view of the fact that there have been as many as 9,362 deaths from fever in 1928 in the district, whether he will consider the advisability of distributing quinine free in other areas of the district as the supply to Koilkuntla taluk is restricted to one headquarter taluk hospital, two rural dispensaries and one dispensary and their patients ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Government are quite prepared to consider the suggestion of my hon. Colleague. But he is not right in saying that the use of the quinine supplied free is restricted to the patients."

Number of deaths from cholera in Kurnool district.

* 502 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state talukwar in the Kurnool district for the current year up to the 25th August 1928—

(a) the number of attacks and deaths from cholera ; and

(b) the measures taken to combat the disease ?

A.—(a) A statement [a] showing the number of attacks and deaths from January 1928 up to the end of August 1928 is laid on the table.

(b) A report [b] showing the action taken is laid on the table.

Prevention of malaria prevailing in jungle areas.

* 503 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that malaria prevails in an abnormal degree in areas near jungles rather than in areas further away ;

(b) if so, whether Government have got the results of the investigation by experts or tried to get into the bottom of the causes of such prevalence of malaria ; and

(c) what remedies Government propose to adopt to prevent and minimize the evil of malaria ?

A.—(a) That is a very general impression but the Government cannot confirm or contradict it as the work of the Special Malaria Establishment has hitherto been confined almost entirely to municipal areas.

(b) The Government have got the result of the investigations so far made and further investigations are going on.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 423.

Registration

Statement showing the number of clerks and the work in the Registration offices in the Presidency.

* 504 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing the number of clerks in each of the Registration offices in the Presidency and excess over the standard of work done in each office by the clerks during the years 1925–26, 1926–27 and 1927–28 ; and

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a Printed as Appendix IV (i) on pages 344–346 infra.

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(ii) to state—

(a) how many of the offices have only one permanent clerk;

(b) how many of the sub-registrars are special magistrates and whether such sub-registrars have special establishment for doing the clerical work involved in carrying out magisterial duties;

(c) if there is serious excess over the standard work, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequate clerical establishment in the Registration offices;

(d) what is the number of hours of work a day required by standing orders from clerks in the Registration offices and what has been the actual average number of hours of attendance by each clerk in the several Sub-Registration offices in South Kanara in 1927–28;

(e) whether it is a fact that applications for encumbrance certificates have increased considerably and whether there is delay in meeting the public demand owing to the additional burden on the permanent establishment; and

(f) what steps have been taken or are being taken to relieve the strain to the existing permanent establishment in meeting the public demand?

A.—A report has been called for.

Industries

Grant of the first loan to the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited.

*505 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government was aware when the first loan was granted what amount of money was required for the working capital of the Carnatic Paper Mills;

(b) whether the Government desired to advance the working capital also when the first loan was made;

(c) if so, why the amount was not lent; and

(d) if not, why the first loan was granted when the Government was satisfied that the mills were not likely to work at all for want of capital?

A.—(a) No; but the Company applied for six lakhs of rupees to discharge certain existing debts and provide a small working capital which they hoped to supplement by raising further share capital.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The questions do not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Irrigation

Alleged memorial about the Kattalai scheme to His Excellency the Governor from the ryots and mirasidars of Trichinopoly and other taluks.

506 Q.—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorial was presented to His Excellency the Governor in the first week of September 1928, signed by a large number of ryots and mirasidars of the Kadaramabam parts of the Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks;